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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Modern Version of Nihilism.
The mikedo is writing poetry. The czar is singing nursery songs. And the glorious war goes on.

England's African Possessions.
The British possessions in West Africa cover 500,000 square miles, containing 20,000,000 negroes, and easily capable of producing a yearly cotton crop of 10,000,000 bales.

Room for Expansion.
There is a general feeling that the president, while on the subject of railways, might have penned a few strenuous thoughts concerning the passenger who insists on occupying four seats.

Who Swore Off?
According to the commissioner of internal revenue there was a decrease last year of 11,061,765 gallons in the production of whiskey and miscellaneous alcoholic drinks. Somebody must have sworn off.

Rising to Its Opportunities.
Panama has reduced its postage and tariff, and in many other ways is preparing to do business on a friendly plan with the United States. The new republic is small, but it seems to be able to rise to the occasion.

Master and Servant.
The following figures are very interesting, by way of comparison only: The net public debt of the United States is less than \$1,000,000,000, which is \$500,000,000 less than the total capitalization of the United States Steel corporation figured at par. Think it over!

Secret of an Unruly Department.
Experiments conducted in a San Francisco medical school demonstrate that the stomach is electrical in its action. It has long been known that that organ is capable of some shocking performances but it is only now that electricity is suspected in the case.

Well Worth Trying.
Mr. Lawson, of Boston, has shown that the Wall street market can be knocked out by advertising. No doubt good, skillful advertising would serve to strengthen the market, too. Let the bulls and bears fight it out in the advertising columns and give the public a chance to see how it is done.

Now Watch the Fur Fly.
The Women's Army and Navy leagues are to join in the petition to congress for the restoration of the canteen. The Woman's Temperance union, which was mainly instrumental in abolishing the same, will fight the petition. And the contest between the two feminine organizations will be one of spirit in more ways than one.

Measure of Man's Service.
A western official has resigned a \$20,000 position—not in public employ—because he believes that a time clock is beneath the dignity of his position. Results rather than hours should be the measure of such a man's service. A very distinguished literary man once resigned the editorship of a New York magazine because he was required to register the time of his arrival and departure.

Judicial Limitations.
It is strange that Attorney General Moody should have to ask congress to pass a law to enable a federal judge to issue a bench warrant to arrest a man indicted for a crime wherever he may be found in the United States. As it is now, some of these persons can only be arrested when found in a certain district, which they do not enter. It is an absurd provision, and it is remarkable that it should have remained for so long a time without change.

Must Elevate the Negro.
Before a missionary mass meeting in Holy Trinity church, Brooklyn, called to assist the work of the Episcopal church among the negroes, Bishop Burgess, of the diocese of Long Island, who presided, said that the fate of the church and state alike is involved in the solution of the negro problem. If the white people do not elevate the negro, he said, the negro will surely drag his white superiors to his own level. Christianity alone could do it, he said.

Population of South Africa.
A census was completed on the night of the 15th of April last showing the population of the Transvaal to be as follows: Whites, 299,227; aboriginal natives, 948,498; colored other than natives, 28,591; total, 1,266,716. The census of Switzerland was taken at the same time, showing the following result: Whites, 598; aboriginal natives, 54,531; colored, other than natives, 55; total, 653,164. The population of the Orange River Colony was as follows: Whites, 149,419; colored, 241,626; total, 391,045.

Large Merchant Vessel.
The steamer Minnesota, the largest vessel ever in the Pacific ocean, arrived at San Francisco from Norfolk, Va., on the way to Seattle, to enter the service of the Great Northern Railway company. The Minnesota has a cargo capacity of more than 20,000 tons. Though built expressly for freight purposes, she has passenger accommodations for 218 first cabin, 68 second cabin passengers and 2,400 in the steerage. She is 630 feet long, 73½ feet beam and 90 feet from her keel to the upper bridge.

Available Wealth of America.
The annual report of the comptroller of the currency gives in a few figures an amazing illustration of available wealth and financial strength of this American nation. The banking power of the world—the capital, surplus, deposits and circulation of all its banks—its fluid wealth for the daily use of its industry and commerce—is close to \$100,000,000,000. The United States of America has nearly \$14,000,000,000.

Happenings in Missouri.

Wedding Did Not Occur.
The wedding of Miss Clara C. Craven, of 2904 Pine street, St. Louis, and L. P. Rice, of Shelbyville, which was arranged to take place at the home of Rev. John G. M. Lutenberger, of 5104 West Morgan street, St. Louis, was abruptly "called off" when the prospective bride changed her mind at the last minute. Before the party entered the house Miss Craven began to show a strange weakness and nervousness. She then started to back out, but the party insisted on having the ceremony performed without, apparently, knowing the trouble. After half an hour's debate on the porch the party went in. Somehow one of the women in the party quickly divined the trouble. She complained to Mrs. Lutenberger that her nose was bleeding and that she wanted to go upstairs. She took Miss Craven with her, and accompanied by Mrs. Lutenberger, the two friends went into another room, leaving the others in the party conversing with the minister. Upon reaching the bedroom Mrs. Lutenberger was surprised to find that the young woman's nose was not bleeding at all. Then the story of the trouble soon came out. During its recital, Mrs. Lutenberger says, Miss Craven turned "as white as a sheet" and trembled as though from fear. Miss Craven, according to Mrs. Lutenberger, declared that she was unable to marry Rice because she did not love him. Miss Craven also declared that Rice had threatened her life. Miss Craven accepted Mrs. Lutenberger's advice, re-entered the parlor and, with an apparent supreme effort, declared the marriage ceremony off. Rice, it is said, immediately blurted out: "You are cruel hearted. You ain't game." Thereupon Miss Craven, with tears in her eyes, is reported to have said to her sister, who was in the party: "You know what mother said. She won't have a thing to do with me." It subsequently developed, it is said, that Miss Craven had given Rice \$11 with which to pay the minister. Mrs. Lutenberger says she thinks Miss Craven made Rice return the money to her as they left the house, after Mr. Lutenberger had announced that the young lady could not marry that night. Miss Craven is said to have known Rice only two months, as the result of his visit to the world's fair.

No Mail for Dr. Watson.
Judge D. H. Eby declined to grant bail to Dr. Jones Watson, who is charged with the murder of his wife at New London last July. Touching on the testimony taken at the inquest, in his lengthy opinion, Judge Eby said: "The evidence tends to show the death of the wife of the accused and also tends to show opportunity for homicide, together with traces of poisonous substance, in the stomach of the deceased, shortly after the fatal accident. There is no evidence in the transcript that the deceased did not come to death, as charged, as there is no evidence of external wounds, excepting a small abrasion on the nose."

Happy Family Event.
William M. McPherson and wife celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary at their home in Rich Hill. Mr. McPherson was born in Knox county, Tenn., in 1823 and at the age of 21 was married to Miss Eleanor Brown, 18 years of age, in St. Louis, on December 12, 1844. Eleven children were born to them, eight living. Gathered about the hearstone were the 8 children, 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren to partake of a sumptuous feast. One hundred friends were also present.

Waikiki Invited to Banquet.
Cyrus P. Walbridge, of St. Louis, republican candidate for governor in the recent campaign; Herbert S. Hadley, of Kansas City, attorney general-elect, and Henry J. Allen, of Ottawa, Kan., will be asked to respond to toasts at the banquet which will be tendered the republican state editorial association on December 30 by the McKinley and Roosevelt club of St. Joseph.

To Jail for "Bootlegging."
"Bootlegging" whisky proved such an unprofitable occupation for three Mississippi county residents that they were unable to raise enough money to pay a \$10 fine in the United States district court. The men were John James, William Housman and Silas Greer. They pleaded guilty and were sentenced to 30 days in the jail at Fredericktown.

Bills for St. Joseph.
Congressman Cochran introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 to complete the reversion work on the Missouri river at St. Joseph and for the protection of public work at that point. Also a bill appropriating \$50,000 for the completion of the addition to the federal building at St. Joseph.

State Auditor's Chief Clerk.
S. T. Gresham, of St. Louis, will be chief clerk in the office of State Auditor Wilder.

Widow of Ex-Marshall Emerson.
Mrs. Sarah M. Emerson, widow of the late John W. Emerson, who at one time was United States marshal, is dead at Ironton, aged 75 years.

Fatal Attempt to Board Train.
Pearl Bull, a 16-year-old boy, was killed at Anderson in attempting to board a freight train of the Kansas City Southern railway.

Travelled Some.
Ten thousand railroad tickets to St. Louis and return were sold at Moberly during the world's fair season.

Want Fairbanks at St. Joseph.
Charles W. Fairbanks, vice president-elect, is to be invited to attend the convention of the republican editors of Missouri, to be held in St. Joseph, December 30 and 31.

Quarrelled Over Rent.
John Miles shot and killed George Bradley at his home near Game during a quarrel over rent.

Grief Over Loss of Child.
Grief at the loss of her child drove Mrs. George Watkins, wife of a farmer near Blomberg, to suicide.

Interesting School Statistics.
State Superintendent Carrington's forthcoming report will contain some comparisons concerning the schools of the state, which will be of interest. The items compared are taken from the statistics of 1898 and those compiled for the present year: Number pupils 1904, 995,250; number pupils 1898, 981,422; average daily attendance 1904, 464,702; average daily attendance 1898, 440,522; value of libraries 1904, \$308,504; value libraries 1898, \$115,703.40; amount paid teachers 1904, \$5,637,694.10; amount paid teachers 1898, \$4,230,593.50; total expenditures 1904, \$6,578,198.56; total expenditures 1898, \$6,249,051.32; average annual salary of teachers 1904, \$355; average annual salary of teachers 1898, \$315; average levy on \$100 1904, 49 cents; average levy on \$100 1898, 47 cents; valuation of property 1904, \$1,384,294,571; valuation of property 1898, \$1,017,475,661.

Live Past the Century Mark.
Henry Dorman, who is believed to be the oldest man in Missouri, and one of the oldest in the United States, is preparing to celebrate his 106th birthday at his home in Liberal. Mr. Dorman was born January 10, 1798. He is hale and hearty as he was 50 years ago, apparently. He has a lively recollection of events which transpired long before the birth of the average man of today. Another southwest Missouri centenarian was Dr. H. Woods, of Granby, who died last month at the age of 104 years. He was active in managing a drug store at the time of his death. He left a fortune of \$250,000 to two daughters.

Urges Student Honesty.
President Jesse in an address to the senior classes of the Missouri state university, made a strong plea for honesty in examinations. He asked that the students themselves take up the matter at the mid-year examinations and by their own methods and co-operation do away with cheating. In the address President Jesse referred to the William Jewell college as an example of student regulation of this practice.

New Story on Tyndall.
One of the republicans swept into congress by the landslide in Missouri is William T. Tyndall, of Sparta. The congressional convention for the Fourteenth district nominated Mr. Tyndall without his knowledge or consent. When the notice of his nomination was received he said: "Phaw! I'd decline it, only I hate to waste a two-cent stamp on it."

Voted It Straight 60 Years.
James Vestal, of Wallace, 81 years old, traveled from Perkins, Ok., to his home in Wallace for the purpose of casting his sixteenth consecutive vote for a democratic president. Mr. Vestal cast his first vote in 1844 for Polk and Dallas, and since that time, for 60 years, has voted the straight democratic ticket.

Followed Partner's Lead.
A. E. English, of Osceola, attempted suicide by hanging himself in the loft of his barn. He was discovered in time to save his life. Mr. English was formerly a partner in the hardware business of J. L. Thomas, who committed suicide about two months ago by hanging himself.

The Plumb Most Sought.
The wardenship of the penitentiary is the gubernatorial plum most sought, and the latest applicant is James Cowgill, of Kansas City, formerly a member of the Missouri state board of railroad and warehouse commissioners and the democratic nominee in the recent election for state treasurer.

Vernon Begins Sentence.
Dr. J. B. Vernon, the St. Louis dentist who was convicted of bribing a government officer in connection with the locating of post office sites in several Missouri cities, was taken to the penitentiary at Jefferson City to begin his three years' sentence.

\$10,000 Blaze on Farm.
Fire on the farm of C. C. Eldridge, eight miles south of Boonville, destroyed the residence, two barns and several other outbuildings. All the household goods were burned and a horse and a large quantity of grain were consumed.

Must Win or Quit.
If Missouri can't play football and win, then let it stop playing football at all—that was the unanimous sentiment expressed at the meeting of the Missouri University Alumni association of Kansas City.

Burned While Making Land.
Mrs. John Summers, of Milan, was badly burned while making land. She had built a fire in the yard and dress became ignited. Before aid could reach her she was severely burned around the waist.

Farmer Tired of Life.
Thomas Roberts, a farmer near Corder, is a suicide from unknown cause.

Postmasters in Trouble.
John F. Calvin, postmaster at Saver-ton, was convicted of embezzling funds of the office amounting to \$600, and sentenced to the Ralls county jail at New London, for nine months. W. H. Crews, postmaster at Snyder, was indicted on the charge of embezzling.

Marriage of Miss Yates.
Miss Nina Yates, daughter of State Superintendent of Insurance Yates, was married at Gallatin to Fred Hayes, principal of the Gallatin schools.

Will Retain Several Clerks.
Secretary of State-elect John E. Swanger announces that until after the adjournment of the legislature, at any rate, he will retain on his clerical force four of the persons who have been in the office of Secretary of State Cook.

Appropriation First.
John F. Gmelch, state treasurer-elect, has announced that he will not pay warrants out of the state treasury until the money has been appropriated according to law.

RIOTOUS SCENES IN CITY OF MOSCOW

Five Thousand Russians Make Revolutionary Demonstration.

POLICE CHARGED THE CROWD

Many of the Rioters Were Wounded and Numbers Were Arrested—Authorities Knew Trouble Was Coming.

Moscow, Dec. 18.—This city was the scene of a revolutionary demonstration, Sunday, from noon till nearly evening. Probably 5,000 people actually participated. Fortunately the agitators did not succeed in drawing the workmen from the factories into the disturbance, and after many collisions, the police, firing blank volleys and charging with their sabres, the crowds were finally dispersed. Many were wounded and more were arrested. As far as known, none of the rioters was killed. One policeman is reported to be fatally injured. Many on both sides were roughly handled.

The authorities knew in advance that trouble was impending, and many houses along Tverskaya street were specially guarded, and extra policemen were on duty in the streets.

Several squadrons of mounted gendarmes were concealed in the court yards of houses, ready for an emergency. The crowds began to collect at midday in Tverskaya street, students, young men and women mixing with the general public. The thoroughfare was soon congested with a mass of moving humanity which converged on Strastnaya square, where 3,000 persons assembled, many armed with clubs and carrying flags. The crowd, singing, moved towards the palace of Grand Duke Sergius, the governor-general of Moscow. The police attempted to block the street, whereupon the trouble began in earnest. The crowd broke through the cordon, and one policeman was knocked down, and, it is thought, fatally hurt. Battalions of police were brought up at double-quick to reinforce their comrades. Sticks and stones were freely used by the mob which threatened to again break through the cordon.

The police, under orders of their chief, fired several blank volleys and charged, using the flats of their swords. The crowd fought back, but finally broke and sought shelter in the side streets. Here the police were again severely pressed to keep people out of Tverskaya street, where caught between the seething mob on one side and throngs of curious spectators on the other.

Many of the demonstrators who broke through the cordon of police paraded in side streets in smaller groups waving flags and singing. A crowd of 500 collected in front of the theater, where revolutionary flags were hoisted amid shouts of "Long Live Freedom." The police were not prepared at this point, and the crowd gathered in volume, moved from the square to Neglinna street and Koonnitski bridge, the chief street of Moscow, where the police met them. Another stubborn fight ensued, ending at the first hand done, with three blank volleys and sabre charges.

The disturbance continued at isolated spots throughout the afternoon. Many shops were turned into hospitals, where the wounds of both rioters and police were temporarily dressed. The workmen held aloof from the demonstration, employers having given them warning that any participant would be dismissed.

Quiet was finally restored, though almost every small street was traversed by small singing and shouting groups during the course of the afternoon.

MYSTERY STILL UNSOLVED

Murder of Rosa White, of Chapmanville, W. Va., Puzzles the Authorities.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 18.—Mystery still shrouds the murder of Miss Rosa White, the 18-year-old daughter of Harlan White, whose mutilated body was found near Chapmanville, in Logan county, Saturday. The first bit of evidence which may lead to an arrest came to light Sunday morning when a brand new clinching iron was found lying in the snow about 200 yards from the spot where Miss White's body was discovered. An investigation has revealed that this clinching iron, which was stained with blood, was purchased the night before the murder at a store in Chapmanville by a well-known young man, whose home is ten miles from the white estate. This young man is missing. It is said that two years ago while Miss White was still a school girl, the young man was a constant caller at her home.

Proprietor of Christian Herald Dead.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—Rev. Luther H. Trowbridge, of Detroit, for 32 years editor and proprietor of the Christian Herald, died here Sunday. He came to Los Angeles a month ago for his health. Interment at Rosedale cemetery, and the funeral exercises will be held at Temple Baptist church, Robert Burdette officiating.

Bishop Phelan Sinking.
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—At midnight, Sunday, Bishop Phelan's condition is extremely critical. He may live not live longer than a few hours.

Passed Philippine Bill.
Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate, by a vote of 44 to 33, passed the Philippine civil government bill. The final vote was preceded by the presentation of many amendments, and a general discussion of them, as well as of the provisions of the bill.

A Director of Hardin College.
Mexico, Mo., Dec. 18.—T. B. Hill, a member of the board of directors of Hardin college of this city, died here Friday, aged 72. He was a native of Boone county.

NINE LIVES LOST ON BURNING BOAT

Steamer Glen Island Destroyed by Fire Off Greenwich, Conn.

TWENTY-THREE WERE RESCUED

They Had Taken to the Lifeboats, and the Crew of the Tug Bully Left Their Tow to Undertake Rescue Work.

New York, Dec. 18.—Nine persons, including two passengers, lost their lives early Saturday morning by the burning off Greenwich, Conn., of the Starlin line steamer Glen Island, bound from New York to New Haven. The steamer drifted aground on Captain's Island, in Long Island sound, and was burned to the water's edge.

The fire was discovered about midnight off Execution Point, in the sound. How it started is not known, but suddenly the whole boat was seen to become filled with smoke, and the electric lights were extinguished.

Boats were hurriedly lowered, and all but two passengers and seven members of the crew escaped. One of the lost passengers was a man and the other a woman, residents of New York. The tug Bully, which sighted the Glen Island afire, cut loose from her tow and dashed to the flaming steamer and picked up the passengers and crew from the small boats. They were placed aboard the steamer Corning and brought back to New York.

The dead.

Unidentified woman passenger, resident of New York.
Unidentified man passenger, from New York.
Robert Hanley, deckhand.
O. Bird, deckhand.
Frank Bush, fireman.
Lansman Miller, fireman.
William Burke, fireman.
Otto, fireman.
William Hendrickson, assistant engineer.

Among those saved were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Street, of New Haven, Conn., and their two daughters. The Street girls are students at Vassar and were on their way to New Haven for the holiday vacation at home.

The lifeboats hung about the burning vessel until the tug Bully came as close to the burning boat as she dared. The 23 persons in the lifeboats were then taken on board the tugboat. The tug then got alongside of the burning boat ready to take any on board who jumped from the boat into the ice-filled water.

Only one deckhand succeeded in getting off the boat and swimming to the tug. He said that he was Peter Hanley. He was nearly unconscious from cold when he was fished on board the tug. The burning vessel came on down the river with the tide. An attempt was made to reach her by life-savers from the shore, but without success. The river at that point was swimming with ice and the tide was boiling.

Origin of Fire is a Mystery.
The Glen Island was running up the sound at her usual speed when the fire was discovered. How and where it originated is a mystery, but it is believed to have started in a dynamo located below and near the center of the vessel. Nearly all the passengers were in their berths when the vessel suddenly became filled with stifling smoke and the lights went out.

Efforts to check the spread of the flames were without avail, and the lifeboats were then prepared. The Glen Island, which was commanded by Capt. McAllister, who was the last person to leave the wreck, was constructed from the ruins of the City of Richmond. The latter, curiously enough, also was burned. After having been rebuilt, the vessel was christened William C. Egerton and later renamed Glen Island.

LOST IN A BROOKLYN BLAZE.

Three Lives Lost and Six Persons More or Less Injured in a Fire in Brooklyn, N. Y.

New York, Dec. 18.—Fire broke out at six o'clock Saturday morning in the three-story and basement brown stone dwelling at 184 South Ninth street, Brooklyn. Three lives were lost and six persons were more or less injured.

The dead:

Arden Reynolds, 75.
Miss Alice Simpson, 35.
Charles S. Paynter, 28.

The injured: Dr. Mortimer J. Burford, Charles M. Smith, A. B. Paynter, Charles Reynolds, Jacob Diechel, Harry Brownridge.

The fire started in the basement. Mr. Reynolds had gone down as was his custom to start an oil heater to warm the house. The supposition is that a lace curtain took fire and the flames soon spread, enveloping the whole house. The damage will reach \$5,000.

The Funeral Postponed.
South Bend, Ind., Dec. 18.—Otto F. Kelm started a party of friends, Friday, by saying: "You people will have a chance to go to my funeral Sunday." Then he showed a vial from which he had swallowed laudanum. Prompt work saved his life.

Acquitted of Murder Charge.
Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 18.—Ed. Filson, who has been in jail at Oklahoma City for 13 months, has been given his freedom, following a verdict acquitting him of the murder of Elsie Fisher, or Mary Taylor, of Centralia, Ill.

Convicted of Killing His Sister.
Victoria, Tex., Dec. 18.—Steve Hicks was convicted of the murder of his sister, Mrs. Della Von Roeder, and sentenced to life imprisonment. She was trying to protect her husband from her brother when shot.

After Twenty Years' Career.
St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 18.—The firm of Friede & Bode, brick manufacturers, after a business career covering 20 years, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. The indebtedness amounts to about \$10,000.

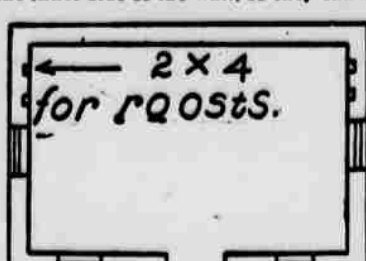


A SOD CHICKEN HOUSE.

How a Good Shelter May Be Provided at a Very Small Expense.

Those living where alkali grass abounds, will find a poultry house made from the sod much cheaper and better than a frame building. If the walls are laid from two to three feet thick and a good roof added, it will stand from 15 to 20 years before beginning to crumble, and many more before becoming useless.

It is well when laying up the sod to place pieces of 2x4s into the walls, as shown in the cut, to which to attach the roosts. Make the ends come even with the inner side of the wall, so they can be



OUTLINE OF SOD CHICKEN HOUSE.

plastered over and leave no hiding place for vermin. Do not plaster until the walls have settled, or the plaster will crack and fall off. One house of this description which has given entire satisfaction for several years, is built 14x20 feet, with three-foot walls. Walls of this thickness seldom settle crooked, while narrower ones often lean so much as to make propping necessary. The house has four windows with frames set within one foot of the outer edge. This leaves space enough to set a dusting pan. The walls are plastered and the hard dirt floor covered with gravel, so it is easily kept clean. Buffalo sod can be utilized for the same purpose, but will not stand so long, the sod lacking the long tough roots which are so characteristic of the alkali grass.—Farm and Home.

BURRS IN THE WOOL.

This Is the Time of Year to Get Rid of the Sticky Things and Increase Profits.

The selling price of wool in Indiana is very seriously affected by the presence of burrs. Light, burry wool is cut from one to three cents a pound, while hard, burry wool is oftentimes cut more than one-half in price. The sheep gather these burrs in the fall. Burrs are now setting on, and the burr root will cause them to dislodge easily from the stem and attach themselves to the wool.

At a slight expense of labor considerable improvement in the quality of wool may be made by ridding the pasture of burrs. Careful going over the pasture once or twice, and then keeping up the water in passing among the sheep, will tend entirely to rid the field of burrs. Burrs make a puny growth in a thick pasture sod. If sheep are kept in the field they will finally rid the field of burrs. They will finally rid the field of burrs. If a new supply is not constantly seeding the field, for they carry the mature seed away in the wool and kill many young plants and prevent others from making a healthy growth.—American Tribune.

KEEP STEERS COMFORTABLE

How the Stock Raiser May Increase His Profits Materially During Winter Months.

At a Wisconsin convention a cattle feeder said: "You must keep a steer comfortable. One time I had my steers weighed in, and one had gained only ten pounds during the month, while the others had gained from 50 to 60 pounds each. I thought of course the boys who had weighed them had made a mistake. The second month that steer gained only 15 pounds, while the others had gained 60 pounds. I examined that steer and found he stood where the floor had worn down and that he had stood on his toes, and his legs had become sore. I took him out of that place and put him in a box stall, and he gained 90 pounds a month for the next three months. At another time I let the steers out for the winter and they ran hard, and one steer hit and cracked his horn. He gained only 15 pounds the next month. The rest gained 80 pounds each."

Fruit for Horses and Cows.
We are asked if it pays to feed fruit to farm animals. Does it pay for you and your family to eat apples and other fruits? If it does, it will pay to feed fruits to your horses, cows, etc.

Our horses and cows are crazy for apples, and as we always give them some fruit they always have an expectant look when we come near them. (In feeding apples to cows they should be spaded in half to avoid choking.) True a pound of apples will not nourish a horse as will a pound of oats, but this is no reason why fruits may not be helpful to animals. It is said that no germs can exist in the stomach while fruit acids are present. Yes, feed your animals fruits, but not in excess, and do not feed green fruits, since you would not eat them yourself.—Midland Farmer.

The Use of Lime.

Lime, of itself, is not a "fertilizer." It unlocks other elements combined in the soil, enabling the plants to absorb more of them; but, when that is done, the soil is poorer by the amount of plant-food unlocked, and the need of fertilizer is greater than ever. This is "book-farming," true enough, but it is the sort that is well to know.—Midland Farmer.

Plaster for the Chickens.

Feathers contain a good deal of sulphur and the quills phosphorus and lime. Sulphur is found in lime and it is not a bad thing to take these old bits of plastering that you knocked off the back kitchen last year and put them where the chickens can get them.—Inland Poultry Journal.

HAD FINE EYE FOR HAIRS.

Professor of Natural History Was Too Keen for Microscopic Students.

An eminent naturalist who holds—and this, as well—a chair in a university, announced to the members of his class one morning that he had something of unusual interest to show them, relates Youth's Companion.

"I have here, gentlemen," he said, "some hairs from the skin of a young creature, and we will proceed to study their peculiarities."

Unfolding the small piece of paper that contained them, he spread the hairs out on a sheet of white cardboard and turned to get his microscope, which was on a desk behind him.

While his back was turned a rough student quickly swept the hairs off the desk into his hand, and substituted others very closely resembling them.

"Young gentlemen," said the professor, severely, a moment later, as he glanced at the sheet of cardboard, "there has been some gross ground work here. These are mole hairs."

They never attempted to fool the professor again.

RIGHT NOT RECOGNIZED.

Son of Busy Traveling Man Indignant at Familiarity of Strangers.

The story of the hard worked newspaper man who devoted so much of his time to his work that he did not recognize the young member of his family when he met the youngster unexpectedly, is not without its parallel. In this case, says the New York Press, it was the baby, who, having never seen his mother, came to become acquainted with his proud parent, made a remark which led to a resolution of reformation.

A traveling man naturally gets home but once in each week, sometimes drawing a two-week trip, and in other cases being away from his home for even a longer period. He usually tries to dash in home for Sunday, and on one of these dashes, in a certain home, the young man of the family having acquired that title some four years previously, was very bad, indeed, and finally forced the father to administer the merited, though mild, punishment. The injured youngster immediately made a wild dash for his mother, waiting at the top of his voice: "Mother, mother, mother; that man that comes here on Sunday has been spanking me."

Economical.
Mr. Brown—Shall we have to buy new woolen underwear for all of the boys this year?

Mrs. Brown—No, dear. Yours have shrunk so they just fit John; John's shrunk so they just fit Jimmy; Jimmy's shrunk so they just fit Willie; and Willie's shrunk so they just fit me. You are the only one that needs new ones!—Detroit Free Press.

Doing Great Work.

Florida, Mo., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—That Dr. J. C. Kinney Pills are doing a great work in curing the more